Minutes of the CREST meeting, held on Thursday 6 February 2003, at 2.00pm in Conference Room C3.18, Castle Buildings.

Present:

Dr D Stewart(Chairman)

Dr M Briscoe
Dr K Fitzpatrick
Mr G Humphreys

Dr G Mock

Dr A Montgomery

Mrs E Qua
Dr C Russell
Dr M Smith
Dr T Trinick

Mr G Hannan (Secretariat)

Apologies:

Professor R Davidson

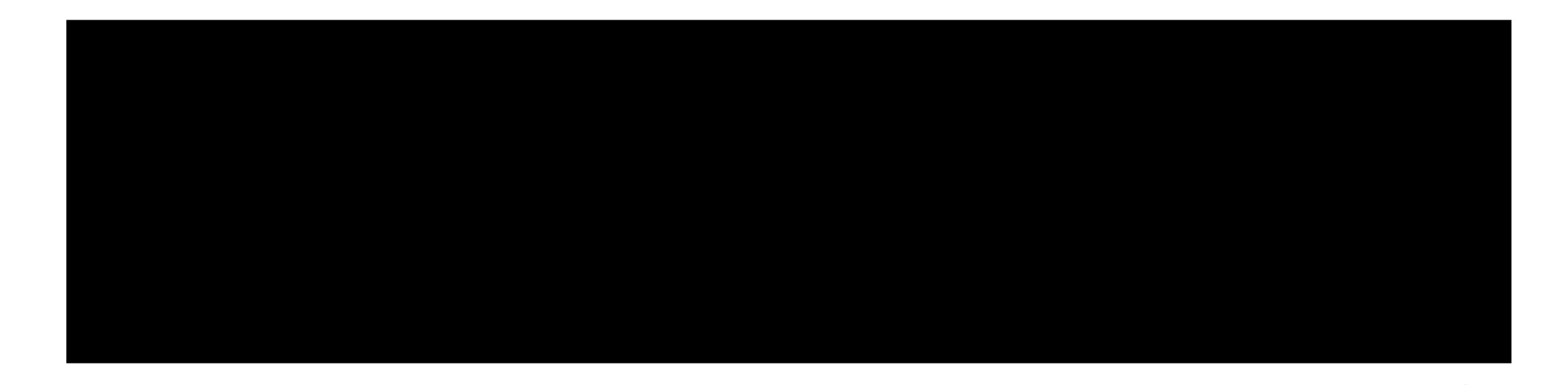
Mrs F Hodkinson
Mrs J Holmes
Dr A McKnight
Mr M O'Hare
Dr J Stone
Mrs M Waddell

In attendance:

Ms J Anderson (for Item 4)

Mr Conway (for item 6)
Dr L Doherty (for item 5)

1. Introduction and apologies

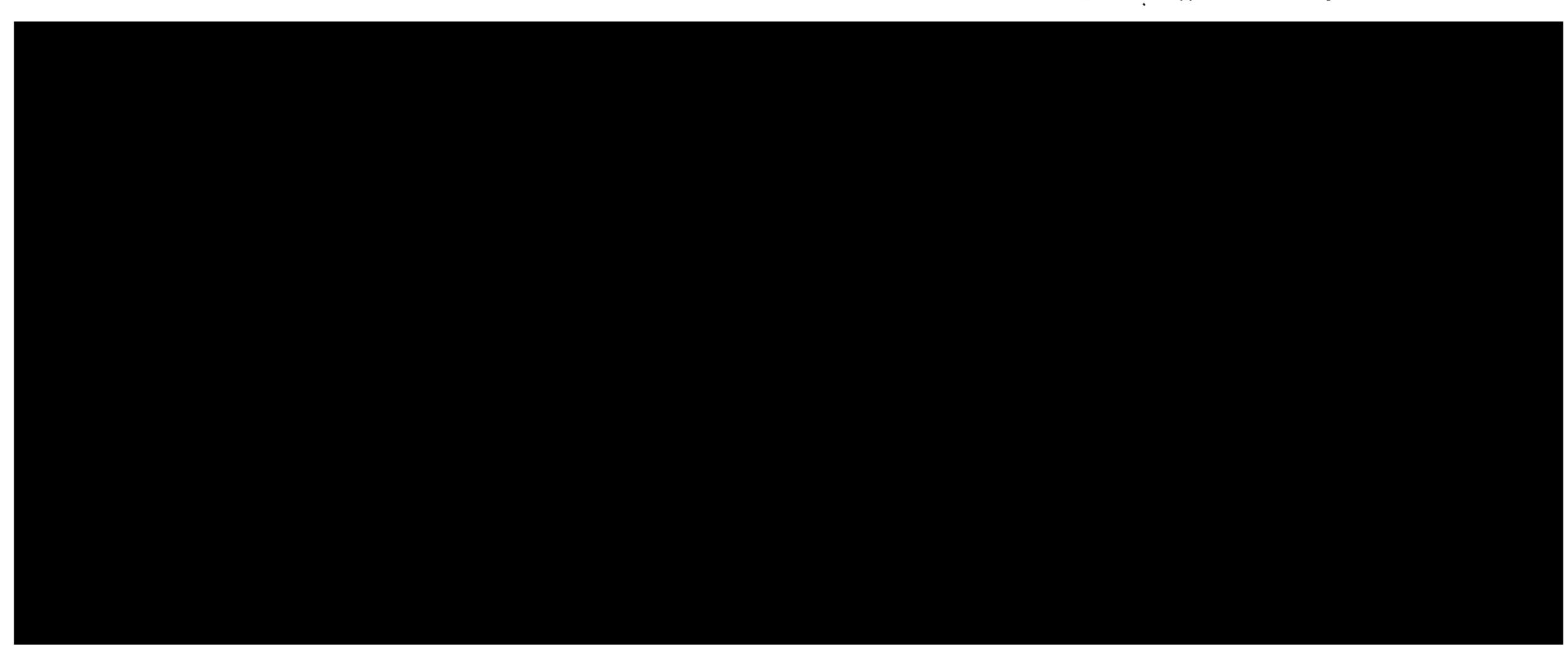


2. Minutes of the previous meeting



## 3. Matters arising

(i) Provision and appropriate use of Intensive and High Dependency Care



## (ii) Best Practice – Best Care

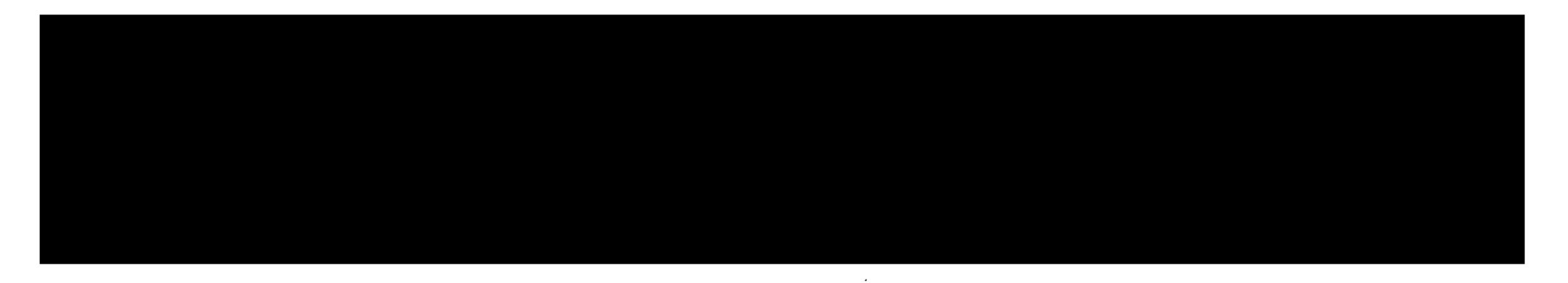
Dr Briscoe gave an update on the implementation of Best Practice – Best Care. The Bill should be passed by the Ordinary Council at Westminster on 12 February 2003 and by the Privy Council by the end of February 2003. Duty of Quality will commence in April 2003, setting out the role and function of the HSS Regulation and Improvement Authority.

The Clinical and Social Care Circular had been issued on 13 January 2003, setting out the structure and processes baselining where Trusts/organisations stood in relation to Clinical Governance. Dr Briscoe reported that a lot of work still needed to be completed in this area. The timetable was short with lead professionals to provide a baseline by the end of February 2003, update at the end of March 2003 and provide the Annual Report at the end of November 2003. She noted that Primary Care would prove more problematical.

Dr Briscoe outlined the five workshops during January and February 2003 on Clinical Governance, aimed at how to develop structures and guidelines and the development of the Support Team. This team, comprising of Trust members will be a regional body and was unlikely to be a permanent fixture. Discussions were ongoing regarding the legal problems in tying in with NICE.

Interviews will take place within the next few weeks to appoint a Grade 7 to head up the Departmental Standards and Guidelines Unit.

#### (iii) Diabetes Care



4. Waiting Lists





5. Communicable Disease Control – Sexual Health



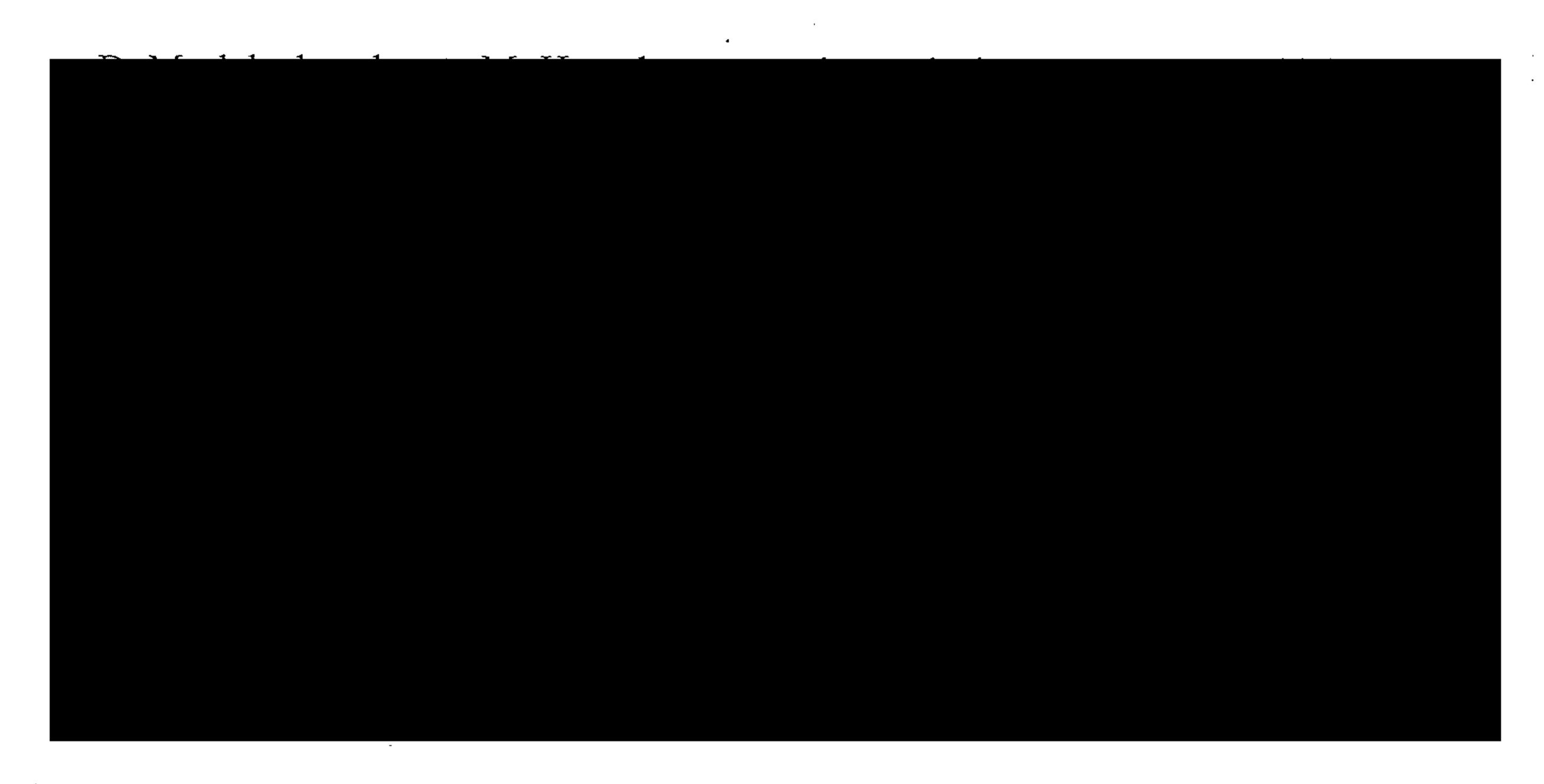
6. Wound Management Educational Resource Pack



7. Getting Evidence into Practice/Guideline Development

In the absence of Professor Davidson, this item was deferred until the next meeting.

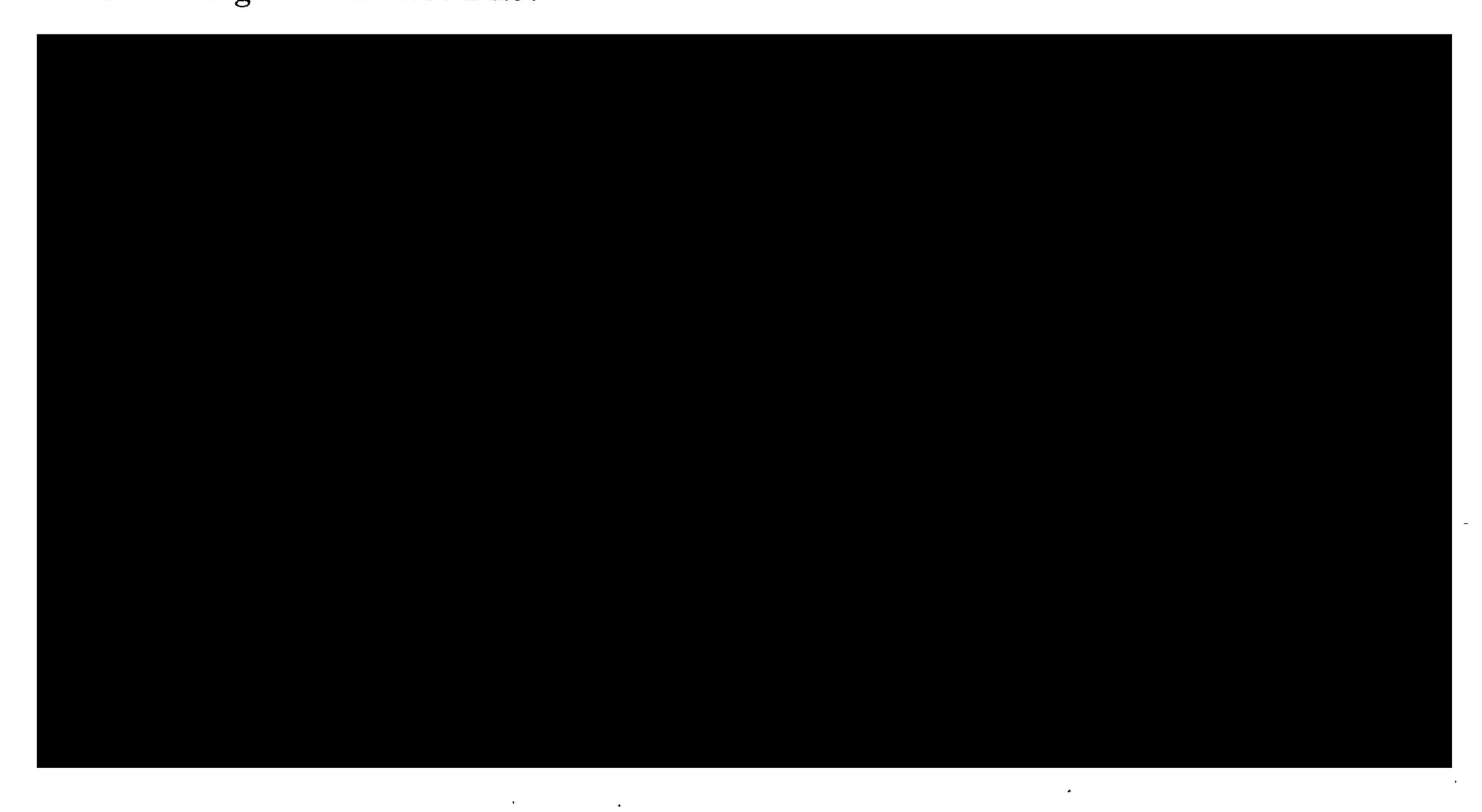
8. Varicose Veins



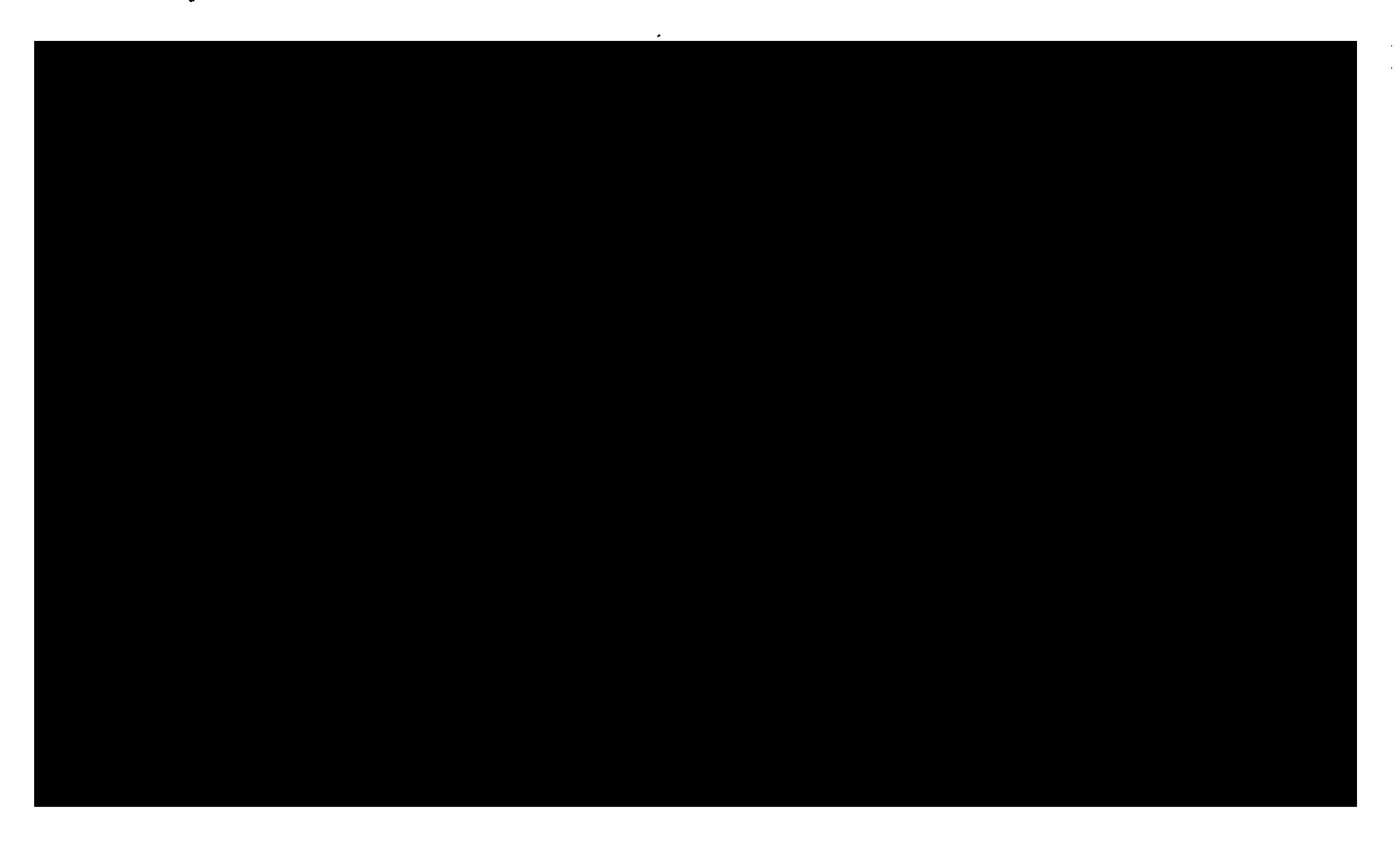
9. Control of Pain in Patients with Cancer



10. Haemovigilance Nurse Pilot



## 11. Obesity

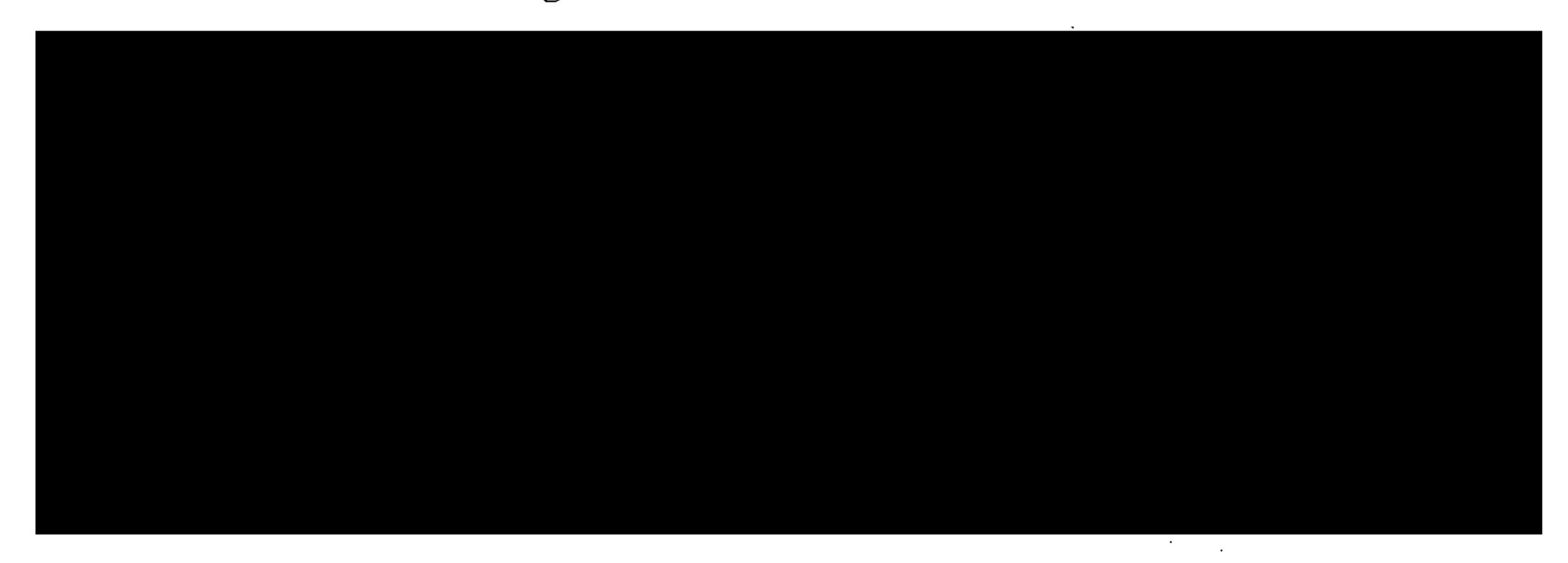


# 12. Prevention of Hyponatraemia in the Adult Patient

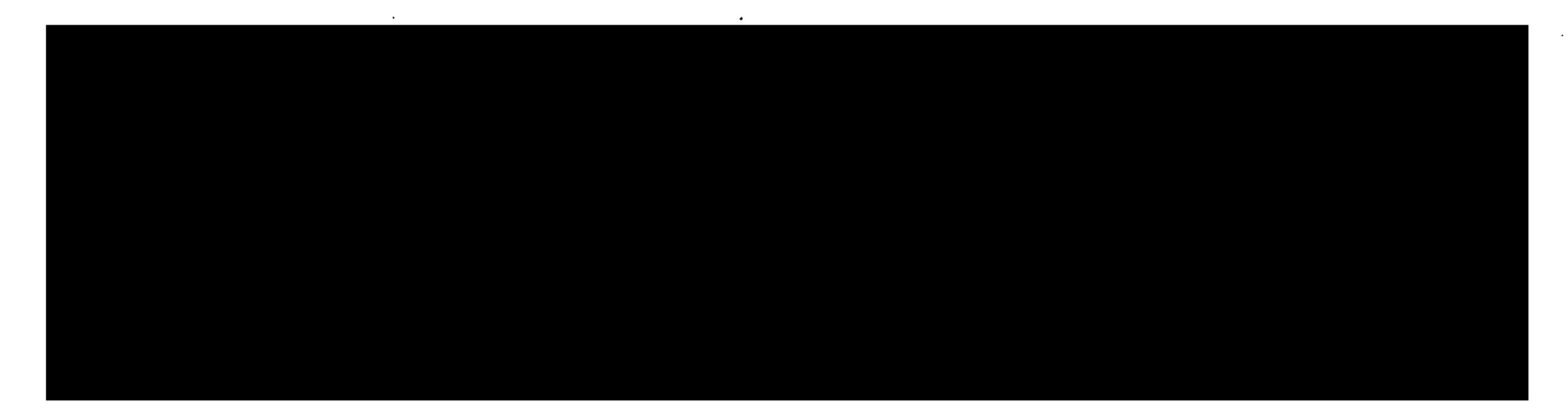
Dr Russell reported that the sub-group had completed its deliberations and had finalised the guidelines. The guidelines were concise and would consist of a small A5 size booklet plus wall-charts. Recipients would include junior doctors and nursing staff. It was also hoped to host a half day seminar in May 2003 to launch the guidelines.

Action: Dr Russell Secretariat

## 13. Home Enteral Tube Feeding



14. Management of PTSD in Adults



15. Evaluation of Equipment



16. Drugs Advisory Group



- 17. Any other business
  - (i) Opiate Detoxification



18. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of CREST was arranged for Thursday 1 May 2003, at 2.00pm in Conference Room C3.18, Castle Buildings.